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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

When I became dissatisfied with AT&T, and then Verizon, and later Comcast, I looked around for a better deal. About 2004 I found it with Sonic.com, a local internet service provider and a telephone provider as well, bundling a cost effective and very reliable package of services.

Now that AT&T has bought DirecTV, my television provider for nearly 20 years, I am experiencing price hikes and quality issues, particularly its customer service. Accordingly, I will be looking to Sonic.com, a reseller of Dish to secure a better deal to add TV to my ISP and phone service.

I have been a consumer of telephone services for more than 50 years. Im 70 now. So I think I have a long view of AT&T and I am impressed by only one thing about it. It behaves like most monopoly companies and tries constantly to sell me products I don't need or want. They are excellent salesmen, like those at Wells. I don't experience that from Sonic. They want to give me what I need and do not add on a lot of overhead that upsales add.

I know what I want, and that is to keep my current service in operation. AT&T will become more aggressive, not less, as it grows and forces out the competition and it has the DNA to become a monopoly, which should bother those of us who have witnessed with monopoly positions do to consumers.

I also believe that monopolies do all they can to influence legislation and policy. I disagree with that. I administering the use of the public airways and public services such as TV, telephone service, the internet, should be administered in a neutral manner for the publics eventual benefit. Please act in the interest of consumers to product companies like Sonic.com which has done so much to provide competitive, quality, responsive service to those in my area of Northern California.

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